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KISSINGER'S OCTOBER 31- NOVEMBER 1, 1974 VISIT

TO PAKISTAN

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT RELEASED TO PRESS IN
RAWALPINDI AT 2300 PAKISTAN STANDARD TIME(1300 EST) ON THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 31, 1974.

QUOTE JOINT STATEMENT.

1. AT THE INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER
ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY
KISSINGER, VISITED PAKISTAN FROM OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 1.
SECRETARY KISSINGER HELD COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIME
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MINISTER AND MINISTER OF STATE AZIZ AHMED ON PAKISTAN-UNITED STATES

BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ON A BROADE RANGE OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. THE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT, IN KEEPING WITH THE SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES THAT EXIST BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

2. THE SECRETARY CONVEYED TO THE PRIME MINISTER PRESIDENT FORD'S PERSONAL GREETINGS AND REITERATED THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH HAVE TRADITIONALLY EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. THE PRIME MINISTER WARMLY RECIPROCATED PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE AND WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT'S ASSURANCES THAT THE US WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF A STRONG, SECURE AND PROSPEROUS PAKISTAN AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE, AND THAT THIS WOULD REMAIN AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS WAS ESSENTIAL FOR PEACEFUL RELATIONS AMONG ALL STATES.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER REVIEWED WITH THE SECRETARY THE EFFORTS THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS MADE TO RESTORE PEACE AND BOLSTER STABILITY IN THE SOUTH ASIAN REGION. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED US ADMIRATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND BANGLADESH. HE TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE VISITS HE HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED TO NEW DELHI AND DACCA HAD HEIGHTENED HIS AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS AND HIS CONFIDENCE IN ITS CONTINUED PROGRESS. HE EXPRESSED HIS PARTICULAR SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS PAKISTAN AND INDIA HAD MADE IN MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1972 SIMLA AGREEMENT.

4. THE PRIME MINISTER CALLED THE SECRETARY'S ATTENTION TO THE PROPOSAL FOR A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA WHICH PAKISTAN HAS SPONSORED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THEY TOOK NOTE OF THE ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS FOR STABILITY OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND AGREED THAT RENEWED EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

5. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUED APPRECIATION FOR THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE THE US HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OVER THE YEARS PROVIDED PAKISTAN. HE WELCOMED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO FURNISH APPROXIMATELY 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT UNDER PUBLIC LAW 480 PROGRAM TO HELP MEET PAKISTAN'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS. THE SECRETARY ASSURED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE US WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO PAKISTAN'S ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

6. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY TOOK NOTE OF THE

INCREASING WORLD ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE STEEP RISE IN PRICE LEVELS OF ESSENTIAL GOODS. THEY STRESSED THE NEED FOR COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOURS BY ALL THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO PREVENT FURTHER AGGRAVATION OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION. THEY HOPED THAT THE FORTHCOMING WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME WOULD SUCCEED IN TAKING NECESSARY STEPS TO STABILISE THE FOOD SITUATION AND ESPECIALLY TO MITIGATE THE SERIOUS FOOD SITUATION AND ESPECIALLY TO MITIGATE THE SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGES FACED BY THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

7. THE SECRETARY WELCOMED THE INITIATIVES BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD FOR PAKISTAN ITSELF AND TO EXPAND PAKISTAN'S FOOD EXPORTS TO DEFICIT COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT THE US HAS BEEN ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN'S EXPANDED AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH EFFORTS AND PLEDGED FURTHER US ASSISTANCE IN SUCH HIGH PRIORITY AREAS AS FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND WATER RESOURCES UTILIZATION.

8. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY REVIEWED THE EFFORTS NOW GOING FORWARD TO BRING ABOUT FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST. THE PRIME MINISTER COMMENDED THE SECRETARY FOR THE INITIATIVES HE HAD TAKEN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MIDDLE EASTERN CAPITALS AND URGED HIM TO CONTINUE THESE VALUABLE EFFORTS.

9. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD AGAIN RECEIVED IN PAKISTAN. HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS THEY HAD HELD HAD BEEN MOST USEFUL AND THEY LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING AGAIN TO EXCHANGE VIEWS. IN THIS CONNECTION SECRETARY KISSINGER DELIVERED AN INVITATION TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO VISIT WITH HIM IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHINGTON AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE WITHIN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE COMING YEAR. THE PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTED THE INVITATION WITH PLEASURE. THE PRIME MINISTER CONVEYED AN INVITATION FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO VISIT PAKISTAN IN 1975, AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ACCEPTED THE INVITATION ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT.
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